

City of Asheville Fire and Rescue Department
Proposed Professional Services User Fees for FY 08-09

A. FEES FOR STATE MANDATED PERIODIC FIRE INSPECTIONS
ORDINARY RISK OCCUPANCIES – inspected and fees charged every 36 months

Ordinary Risk Occupancies: Uses that have an average probability of a fire or other emergency occurring due to type and/or quantity of materials stored, used, or handled on site, or because of processes typically performed in business operations. Additionally, these occupancies would have an average risk of injury or death to the occupants in a fire or other emergency.

	First Inspection Fee	Reinspection Fee if all Violations Cleared	Reinspection fee if violations NOT Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if all Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if NOT Cleared
1. Small Assembly - Group A					
a. Capacity 50-99	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
2.1 Business – Group B					
2.2 Mercantile – Group M					
2.3 Storage – Group S					
2.4 Utility – Group U					
a. Less than 501 sq. ft.	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
b. 501 to 2,500 sq. ft.	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
c. 2,501 to 10,000 sq. ft.	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
d. 10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft.	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
e. 20,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
f. 40,001 to 80,000 sq. ft.	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
g. 80,001 to 120,000 sq. ft.	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
h. 120,001 to 150,000 sq. ft.	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
i. 150,001 to 200,000 sq. ft.	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
j. 200,001 sq. ft. plus	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

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B. FEES FOR STATE MANDATED PERIODIC FIRE INSPECTIONS
HIGH RISK OCCUPANCIES – inspected and fees charged every 12 months

High Risk Occupancies: Uses that have a higher than average probability of a fire or other emergency occurring due to type and/or quantity of materials stored, used, or handled on site, or because of processes typically performed in business operations. Additionally, these occupancies would include those that have a higher than average risk for injury or death to occupants due to age, physical or mental abilities, occupant load, or size and complexity of structure.

	First Inspection Fee	Reinspection Fee if all Violations Cleared	Reinspection Fee if violations NOT Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if all Cleared	Second Reinspection Fee if NOT Cleared
1. Large Assembly - Group A (see footnote 11)					
a. Capacity 100-200	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
b. Capacity 201-300	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
c. Capacity 301-400	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
d. Capacity 401-500	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
e. Capacity 501-600	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
f. Capacity 601-plus	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
2. Educational Group E – Schools (see footnote 9)					
a. Per Building	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
3.1 Educational Group E - Day Care					
3.2 Institutional Group I (24 hour Care)					
a. Licensed for 0-25	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
b. Licensed for 26 – 50	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
c. Licensed for 51-100	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
d. Licensed for 101-150	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
e. Licensed for 151-175	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
f. Licensed 176 plus	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
g. Hospitals – Per Building	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

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4.1 Factory – Industrial – Group F (see footnote 6)

4.2. Hazardous - Group H

a. Less than 501 sq. ft.	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
b. 501 to 2,500 sq. ft.	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
c. 2,501 to 10,000 sq. ft.	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
d. 10,001 to 20,000 sq. ft.	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
e. 20,001 to 40,000 sq. ft.	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
f. 40,001 to 80,000 sq. ft.	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
g. 80,001 to 120,000 sq. ft.	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
h. 120,001 to 150,000 sq. ft.	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
i. 150,001 to 200,000 sq. ft.	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
j. 200,001 sq. ft. plus	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00

5. Residential - Group R

Number of Sleeping Rooms

a. 1-10	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
b. 11-30	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
c. 31-50	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
d. 51-75	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
e. 76-99	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
f. 100-125	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
g. 126-175	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
h. 176-199	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
i. 200-250	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
j. 251 plus	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Apartment Buildings (Beyond one and two family dwellings and inspection of common use areas only)					
k. 1 to 2	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
l. 3 to 10	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
m. 10 to 20	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
n. 21 to 30	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
o. 31 to 40	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
p. 41 to 50	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
q. 51 plus	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00

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*** Application Footnotes for Sections "A" and "B":**

1. For Multi-occupancy buildings, other than residential or institutional, fees are per occupancy.
2. For single buildings where there are multiple occupancies and all occupants agree to a continuing inspection date through the building owner(s) or agent, a 33.3% discount on the first inspection fee is available. NO discounts are available on reinspections due to non-compliance.
3. For multiple buildings owned by the same owner(s) the fees are per building as defined by the NC State Building Code.
4. Subsequent reinspections beyond the second reinspection with violations not cleared will result in doubled fees with each necessary reinspection of continuing violations, with no fee cap.
5. Multi-occupancy high-rise buildings shall be assessed a fee for the common areas based on their occupancy type and total square footage.
6. Inspections will match the State mandated minimum inspection frequency. The Fire and Rescue Chief can authorize a specific occupancy classification to be inspected more frequently, but not less frequently. Factory-Industrial occupancies are identified by the state as being required for inspection at least every 24 months. Asheville has determined to group this occupancy with other high risk occupancies and inspect on an annual basis.
7. All applicable operational permit fees are INCLUDED in the periodic fire inspection fee, unless not applicable.
8. Occupancies that are current with fire inspection fees as outlined above are not charged staff time for staff fire safety training.
9. Occupancies that are not current or not covered by the above fee schedule will be charged according to the hourly rate fee schedule for staff fire safety training.
10. Asheville City public schools are inspected every six months, as required by state statute. All Buncombe County school buildings are inspected by Buncombe County Government.
11. Occupancies and/or uses that are not covered by the above fee schedule will be charged according to the hourly rate fee schedule for the specialist rank.
11. Large assembly occupancies used primarily for worship and that are not used for exhibition or display purposes are inspected on a 36 month schedule regardless of occupant load, in accordance with the North Carolina State Fire Code.

C. FEES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

Fees for new construction inspection services are identified with the Building Safety Department's fee schedule as an integral component of City Government's Development Services Center.

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D. FEES FOR ADOPTED STATE FIRE CODE PERMITS

<u>Code Section/Title</u>		<u>Permit Fees</u>
1.	105.6.4 Carnivals and fairs	\$100.00/event
2.	105.6.15 Explosives	\$50.00/48 hours or \$100.00/30 days
3.	105.6.15 Use of Outdoor Fireworks	\$100.00/event or \$500.00/event After 5 th permit issued in fiscal year
4.	105.6.17 Flammable liquids (items 5-10)	\$50.00
5.	105.6.20 Fumigation and thermal insecticidal fogging	\$100.00
6.	105.6.31-33 Open burning and open flame use	\$50.00
7.	105.6.37 Pyrotechnics Special Effects	\$50.00
8.	105.6.44 Fireworks Tent	\$300.00/30 days
9.	105.6.44 Assembly Tent	Follow Assembly Inspection Fee Schedule in Section A or B
10.	105.6.44 All Other Tents Requiring a Permit	\$50.00/30 days

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E. DEDICATED SERVICES OF FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL

Appropriate personnel and apparatus necessary for a requested or required service will be determined by the Fire and Rescue Chief. A written agreement of the supplemental service will be in place prior to AFR providing any services, or may be used by the judicial system as necessary.

<u>Rank/Band Required for Duty</u>	<u>Hourly rate or portion of any hour (two hour minimum)</u>
1. Firefighter	\$30.00
2. Senior Firefighter	\$35.00
3. Engineer	\$40.00
4. Specialist	\$45.00
5. Company Officer	\$50.00
6. Chief Officer	\$55.00

F. DEDICATED STANDBY OF EMERGENCY APPARATUS

<u>Apparatus Required for Duty</u>	<u>Hourly rate or portion of any hour</u>
1. Support vehicle	\$ 25.00
2. Light duty quick response vehicle, boat	\$ 50.00
3. Fire Engine	\$200.00
4. Rescue Truck or Quint	\$250.00
5. Ladder Truck	\$300.00